(b) whether it is a fact that 400 per cent to 800 per cent of the ex-factory cost is being charged from the poor patients;

(c) what were the prices of these medicines before DPCO, 1987 and the present prices;

(d) what are the details of cases in which his Ministry has intervened aftei the promulgation of DPCO, 1987 and what were the drugs involved snd what results have been achieved; and

(e) how many manufacturers have failed to comply with the direc tions given after intervention and what are their names and the drugs involved?

" THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (d) and (e) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, in case of Non-Scheduled drugs, the minufacturers themselves determine the retail price. However, Government keeps a close watch and has intervened in cases of abnormal increase in p'rices of formulations including some Iron preparations, calcium -preparation and vaccines etc. The required details to the extent available are given at annexure *[See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 164]

(t) and (c) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House

Production of Danazol

3012. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 600 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Danazol is an anti-cancer drug;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Danazol is being produced in the country from basic stages with indigenous technology;

(c) if so, on what basis his Ministry recommendec for import of this dru,5 under OGL;

(1) whether it a fact that huge quantity of Danazol is being exported to USA and UK;

(e) whether it is also a fact that tbe quality of J idian Danaizol is acceptable world "vide; and

if so, what orrective steps are g taken in is regard?

THE MINISTE^ OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL ^AO)- (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Informatics to the extent available shows that Dar,-zol has been indigenously produced since 1983 and the stage approved Tor its manufacture is basic.

(c) Import poHcy for drugs is determined in consideration of several factors like demand, availability, technology constraints etc.

(d) to (f) Details of exports are not monitored by this Ministry. Therefore information regarding world-wide acceptance of Danazol is not available.

Accepting the Ke'kar Committee reco-mmendations

3013. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA-VARTY; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 77 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his jMinistrv does not have Drug Adviser since last three years or so;

Ob) if so, what are the names of the officers who examined the recommendations of Kelkar Committee and wh?.t is the technical back ground of each *

(c) whether it is also a fact that Kelkn.r Committee recommended exclusion of around fifty drugs;